



# Press Release

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On: SEPTEMBER HOG AND PIG INVENTORY  
UP 12 PERCENT

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Austin . . . The September 1, 2004 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 1.03 million head, was up 12 percent from the September 2003 total of 920,000 head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 110,000 head, up 15,000 head from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The September 1 market hog inventory increased 12 percent from a year ago to 920,000 head, 90 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 340,000 head, was up 17 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 185,000 head, was up 16 percent from the September 2003 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 210,000 head, a 40 percent increase from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 185,000 head, were down 18 percent.

The June-August 2004 Texas pig crop totaled 507,000 head, an increase of 19 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 9.05, up 4 percent from the previous year. State Statistician, Robin Roark, reported that 56,000 sows farrowed in Texas during June through August 2004, up 14 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2004, is estimated at 61.4 million head, 1 percent above both September 1, 2003 and the June 1, 2004, inventory. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 55.4 million head, was 1 percent above last year.

The U.S. pig crop for June-August 2004, at 26.0 million head, was 1 percent higher than in 2003. U.S. producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the September-November 2004 period, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003.